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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Timothy Stivland et al.

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Examiner: Lam, Ann Y.

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For: CATHETER HAVING IMPROVED BONDING REGION

Docket No.: 1001.1294101

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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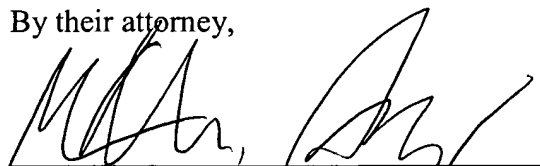
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the final rejection of claims 49-100 in the Final Office Action dated November 3, 2003. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed. Appeal fees in the amount of \$330.00 and One-Month extension fees in the amount of \$110.00 are attached. Charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

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